

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

or of pressure. The few cases of insanity  
that exist are  
barbaric cruelty: the victim must be chained in one  
room  
eraï for he is, to all appearances, cured.  
Imbeciles are not  
as or as a social menace, and they may marry  
and  
property like anyone else. There is no legislation  
regarding the  
of lepers or the infirm.

## ANNAMITE RELIGIONS

The of Annam have been compared to a tropical  
forest where  
no one tree can live isolated. There is no clear-cut  
boundary between  
one person may hold simultaneously and without  
friction a  
beliefs. The Ajmamites work on the principle that if one  
reli-  
gion *m* three are better. If the result is chaos,  
there is at least a  
of fanaticism. Both this tolerance and the all per-  
of Annamite religions, which are Chinese in origin,  
a of indigenous beliefs that have never been  
eradicated.  
'which came into Annam from China and Thibet had  
not distorted *m route*\* but was  
profoundly modified after it  
In the country by the ancestral cult and government  
opposition.  
celibacy their exemption from ordinary fiscal  
and  
Buddhism the object of official oppro-  
la of the that they figure at every  
public and family  
have merited and acquired nothing like  
the the Khmers.  
w is on an even lower plane. It is an extra-  
of a religion born of one of the greatest of  
priests in modern Annam are only miser-  
if self suet they are Ministers of Tao, or  
the Way  
of tact transforms everything, but  
under the  
has degenerated into magic. From  
the of Jade, whom almost all Annamites  
Sties by side with Buddhism on the best of  
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of Aimsmite life. The confusion

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